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Pat Cummings, children's book illustrator, involves Wetzel Elementary School students with her presentation on how books are illustrated, written and published.

Child book illustrator shares her talents

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Pat Cummings, a former Army brat and now a published illustrator of children's books, returned to her Army roots to talk to students at Wetzel Elementary School who may someday follow in her footsteps.

Pat Cummings is the illustrator of the Coretta Scott King Award winners "My Mama Needs Me," written by Mildred Pitts Walter, and "Storm in the Night" by Mary Stolz.

She is also the author/illustrator of the Harper Growing Tree books, "My Aunt Came Back" and "Angel Baby" and serves as an instructor of children's book illustration at the Parsons School of Design.

Her cat, Cash, occasionally models for her books, as do family members and friends.

Cummings conducted two presentations the school's cafeteria May 22 as part of a culmination of the school's ongoing focus on literacy and creative writing.

Although writing was the focus, the program incorporated the students' creativity in graphic design, as they were required to illustrate their presentations.

Fifth and sixth grade students focused on poetry, which also had to be illustrated. Writings by other grades included nonfiction, math and science.

Students from Laura Dermer's second grade class constructed dioramas depicting the life cycle of a butterfly. A diorama is a three dimensional image encased in a container (the students used shoe box size containers) that creates the illusion of "being there," in this case as a land bound caterpillar transforms into a delicate butterfly that can take to the sky.

Fifth grade students also applied their

writing skills to the science projects they created. "They went through the whole writing process of first draft, second draft, editing phase and final product," said Jacqui Gustafarro, a literacy specialist at Wetzel Elementary School.

The kindergarten students worked as a team and created a class book. "Each student created a page and the pages were put together into a class book," said Gustafarro.

The parents of Wetzel students also took an active interest in the literacy program.

Their assistance in the Parent Publishing Center freed teachers from having to dedicate time to the book binding process and allowed them to focus their efforts on the writing aspect. The volunteer parents bound more than 100 projects for the future writers and illustrators of the world.

Note: Some information was obtained from internet sources.



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Pat Cummings, a children's book illustrator, receives some assistance with her presentation from a Wetzel Elementary School student.



Map guide

- The blue dots mark the names of the stages and their location.
- The white chef's hat marks the location of the food village.
- The light blue lines show all the walkways that will be established.
- The purple line shows the parade route on July 1.
- The red dots on Bahnhofstrasse and Brühlstrasse show the location of the "market of the cities and counties."
- The light brown areas are activity and display areas near stages.
- The yellow areas mark additional display areas.

To get more of an idea of what the three days will entail, go to www.rlp-tag.de

Rheinland Pfalz Days countdown begins

Residents encouraged to plan their activities well to avoid inconveniences during the fair

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There's only 22 more days left before the population of Baumholder explodes from about 4,800 residents to 100,000 in three days. That's how many visitors organizers of the Rheinland Pfalz Tagen are anticipating will attend this year's Rheinland Pfalz state fair that is being hosted this year by the community of Baumholder.

June 29 through July 1 are the three days when people from throughout the Rheinland Pfalz and beyond will congregate in Baumholder. Such a large concentration of people in the confines of Baumholder will inevitably create grid lock throughout the city.

Fair organizers are anticipating this and have gone to great lengths to try and minimize the inconvenience to Baumholder's German and American communities.

Regardless, German and American residents of Baumholder can expect numerous delays, detours and closures. Residents are asked to plan their week-end well ahead and remain flexible throughout the three days.

As an example, the main gate to Smith Barracks will close for vehicle traffic at noon June 29 and will remain closed until 6 p.m. July 1. The gate will, however, remain open 24-hours for pedestrian traffic.

Because one of the routes into Baumholder passes by Wetzel housing, residents will feel the affect of the increased traffic flow. Wetzel residents who need to enter Smith Barracks on any of the three days, which is highly discouraged, will have to use the Chicago Gate. Getting to the Chicago Gate will be the challenge. Wetzel residents will have to make their way to L348 (the road leading into Baumholder from Freisen), turn right on L348 in the direction of Idar-Oberstein and continue on past Reichenbach. After going under the underpass past Reichenbach there will be signs directing motorists to turn right and drive into the training area. Once in the training area they will be directed to turn right just before reaching the airfield and continue up the hill until reaching the Chicago Gate.

The Chicago Gate will remain open 24-hours throughout the fair. Of course, motorists will have to contend with the hundreds of other drivers trying to make their way around Baumholder during those three days.

A note of caution for Wetzel residents, it is conceivable that if they leave their residence on any of those three days for a trip to Landstuhl, Ramstein or Vogelweh, they may experience a long delay getting by home as the Polizei will close the road leading to Wetzel from the direction of Freisen once the parking area across the street from Wetzel housing fills up.

Iron Man Crossing Gate will also be open but at some point, most likely from noon to 6 p.m. July 1 while the parade is in progress, may not be accessible for inbound traffic. Consequently, traffic exiting Smith Barracks via Iron Man Crossing Gate will also come to a standstill while the parade is in progress.

Because driving conditions will become a real challenge over these three days, U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder officials recommend that residents do all their necessary Base Exchange and Commissary shopping, or any other shopping for that matter, early and avoid driving during those three days.

During the closing parade July 1 from about noon to 6 p.m., all traffic will come to a standstill for about six hours or until the parade has ended.

One area community members should avoid on all three days is the corner of Kennedyallee and Aulenbacher Strasse. That's the intersection near the main gate where the stoplight is located. Shuttle busses will use the triangle area next to the stoplight throughout the three days to turn around as they drop off and pick up visitors who have parked their vehicles outside of town.

The parade, which begins at noon July 1, will make one enormous loop around Baumholder. It will begin near the railhead and proceed up on Aulenbacher Strasse and make a right

on Kennedyallee.

It will go the entire length of Kennedyallee and continue on Hauptstrasse and then a short distance on Kuseler Strasse before veering to the left on Mambächler Strasse.

Finally, the parade will turn right on Ringstrasse and loop all around the south end of town, passing the Rech hardware store, the old tennis hall and McDonalds. It will continue on Ringstrasse through the stoplight at Berschweiler Strasse and finish up at the rail head, where, if all goes well, the last float in the parade will be entering Aulenbacher Strasse and proceeding up to Kennedyallee as the first float finishes the parade route. The potential for this parade to literally "eat its own tail" is there, remarked a USAG Baumholder member at one of the first coordination meetings for Rheinland Pfalz Days.

The bottom line is that there will be inconveniences, as can be expected when 100,000 people congregate in an area with only 4,800 residents.

USAG Baumholder members tasked with coordinating the American involvement during Rheinland Pfalz Days are passing this advice to community members: "Be where you want to be and do what you need to do before June 29, otherwise expect inconveniences or delays in getting around Baumholder June 29 through July 1.



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Photo by Bernd "Bernie" Mai

Community remembers

Above left, a Soldier from the 47th Forward Support Battalion pays tribute to the fallen Soldiers of recent conflicts during a memorial service May 24 on Smith Barracks. The entire battalion turned out at the unit's motor pool for the ceremony. Above right The 2nd Brigade Combat Team also held a memorial service later in the day at Chapel One. All 48 of the 2nd BCT's fallen warriors were honored during the ceremony.

WWII vet shares his past with BNCOC Soldiers

A World War II veteran paid a visit to Baumholder's Training Support Center (Training Support Activity Europe) with the Joint Fire Center of Excellence May 25.

Retired Army infantry Maj. Frank Towers who served with the 30th Infantry Division during WW II fighting from Normandy to Germany, shared his experiences with students from the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course and compared the differences in training mentality from past to present and future training goals with 1st Sgt. Jeff Goeddert.

The BNCOC students and instructors and Towers visited the TSC for a demonstration on forward air control training and an F-16 bombing run.

They were invited to the range by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Heath Hielsberg from JFCOE

The BNCOC students, most veterans from Iraq, exchanged experiences with Towers.

When Towers was done explaining his experiences from WWII most of the students stated they were glad that they never had to experience the tactics and warfare of an aggressing force as Towers had while serving with the 30th ID "Old Hickory." The 30th ID was made up of the existing National Guard units from the states of North and South Carolina and Tennessee at the beginning of WWII.

During WWII, The 30th ID served in Europe with distinction, and was designated as the number one infantry division in the European theater by Gen. Eisenhower's chief historian, Col. Samuel Lyman Atwood Marshall, known widely as Col. S.L.A. Marshall.

Note: Some of this information has been extracted from the internet at www.30thinfantry.org, where more information about the 30th ID can be found. Most of the articles were written by Towers himself.



Photo by Guenter Merscher

Maj. (Retired) Frank Towers shares his World War II experience with Soldiers.

Host nation events

June 8-10 , Hutmacherfest at Kusel	June 16, adults on June 17	Pfalz Days, Baumholder
June 10 , Flea market at Idar-Oberstein, Vollmersbachstrasse	June 19 , Charity Concert, German Forces Band at Idar-Oberstein	July 2 , Market at Kirn, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
June 15 , Lindenfest at Baumholder Lake	June 22-26 , Spießbraten Fest at Idar-Oberstein	July 6-8 , Old City Fest at Kaiserslautern
June 15-17 , 25th City Fest at St. Wendel	June 23-24 , Medieval market at Lichtenberg Castle	July 6-7 , Italian night at Kusel
June 16-17 , Team triathlon at Baumholder lake, youth on	June 23-24 , IVV Volksmarch at Heimbach	July 6-9 , Prämienmarkt at Veitsrodt
	June 29-July 1 , Rheinland	July 7 , Flea Market at Homburg/Saar

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Customs hours

The Baumholder Customs Office, located in Building 8724, is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m.-noon and 12:30-4p.m. The office is closed of all federal holidays and German holidays. For more information call mil 485-7442 or civ. (06783)6-7442.



Southern rap in the house, Sean P

Southern Rap artist Sean Paul, currently touring Europe and the Balkans, will bring his hard hitting bass anthems and smooth flowing lyrics to Baumholder's Wagon Wheel

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Community briefs

Theater June 8 at 8:30 p.m. Paul hails from Atlanta and is known for his community contributions which inspired his personal dedication to the troops.

Youth activities

June 7, A teen town hall meeting is scheduled at 4 p.m. at the Underground. There will be food and drinks plus prize drawings.

June 15, There is a middle school (Underground) and Teen Center out of school barbecue from 4-6 p.m. at the Underground and Teen Center. It's free to all students.

16 June 16, A Madden tournament is planned from 1 p.m. until closing at the Teen Center. Tournament price is \$5.

June 20, Paintball is set from 1-3 p.m. Participants should meet at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$30 and a permission slip is needed by June 19.

June 21, There's Youth sponsorship bowling from 5-7 p.m. at Strikers. Bring money for

lanes and shoe rental.

June 22, A Bostalsee day trip is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants should meet at Underground. Bring 2 Euro for entrance plus spending money. A permission slip is due by June 15. There will be a movie night afterwards at the Teen Center

June 23, The Europa Park trip departs at 6 a.m. from the Underground parking lot. The cost is \$40 and participants should bring euros for spending money. There is a maximum of 45 participants and sign-up deadline is June 17.

June 27, Paintball is set from 1-4 p.m. Participants should meet at Outdoor Recreation. The cost is \$30 and a permission slip is needed by June 26.

June 28, There's Youth sponsorship bowling from 5-7 p.m. at Strikers. Bring money for lanes and shoe rental.

June 29, A WarCraft tour-

nament is planned from 5-11 p.m. at the teen center. The cost is \$3.

June 30, Swimming is scheduled at Monte Mare Kaiserslautern. The cost is \$35 and participants should bring euro for spending. There is a maximum of 16 participants and the sign-up deadline is June 23.

July 3, A trip to Heidelberg is being planned. More information will be provided at a later date.

July 7, The trip to Phantasiland costs \$35 and participants should bring euro for spending. There is a maximum of 45 participants and the sign-up deadline is June 30. Departure is at 6 a.m. from the Underground parking lot.

July 9-13, A trip to Camp Darby, Italy with day trips to Rome, Venice, and Pisa is scheduled. The cost is \$300 and participants should bring euro for

spending. There is a maximum of 45 participants and the sign-up deadline is July 7.

July 14, Swimming is offered at Calyspo, Saarbrücken. The cost is \$15 and participants should bring euro for spending. There is a maximum of 16 participants and the sign-up deadline is July 7. Departure is at 9 a.m. from the Underground parking lot.

July 21, A rope course is being planned. More information will be provided at a later date.

July 24, A trip to Strassburg, France is in the works. More information will be provided at a later date.

July 26, Fishing and barbecue at the Outdoor Recreation lake is being offered. The cost is \$3, more information will be provided at a later date.

July 28, There's a Skate Park competition and barbecue from 1-6 p.m. The cost is \$3 and more information will be provided at a later date.

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